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Applicant : Gimpel ) Group Art Unit: 2837  
Appl. No. : 09/199,747 )  
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned continued prosecution application and in response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2000, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (AMENDED) A lute-type instrument, comprising:
- a body including a bridge;
  - a neck attached to the body;
  - a compensated nut connected to the neck, the nut having a front side and a bottom side, the nut including one or more cut-out fixed intonation sections on the front side; and
  - a plurality of strings extending from the bridge to the nut.

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